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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TAKEHIKO NAKAI)	Examiner: Leonidas Boutsikaris
Application No.: 09/960,283)	Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: September 24, 2001)	
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND)	
OPTICAL SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME)	October 29, 2003

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Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed together with a copy of a European search report dated October 20, 2003.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

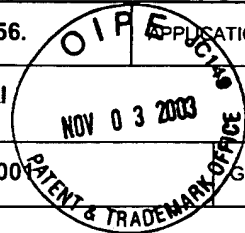


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		WO 97/10527	03/20/97	PCT			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	European Search Report in Application No. 01308170.8-1234- (October 20, 2003).

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